



BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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There were a lot of Van Buren Township Fire Fighters on hand at the Moose Lodge docks on Saturday. Anthony Karver helped Polar Plungers get ready to jump into icy Belleville Lake to earn money for Michigan Special Olympics. At left, Ken Landstrom handed off the jumpers to Karver. John Hayden and Chris Roy helped jumpers get out of the water and Mike Moening and David Broulette stayed in the water for emergency help. There were about 130 jumpers, not as many as the 150 last year, but they raised about the same amount for Special Olympics, some \$40,000, with money still coming in during a window of time after the event.



It was reportedly the largest crowd ever to witness the Polar Plungers on Saturday at the Moose Lodge. The temperature was in the 20s and the sky was sunny and blue. Van Buren Township fire fighters cut into the 3" ice to make a diving area from dock to dock. Meanwhile, vehicles from spectators and divers filled the Moose parking lot, the DNR Launch parking lot next door, the Bethany Bible Church parking across the street, and then more cars were parked on the snow-covered grass beyond the parking lot in front of the Moose.

5th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township Public Safety Department Employees Wages & Actual Cost to Township 1/1/12 - 12/31/12

| Employee Name | Police Wages | Fire Wages | Benefits | Total Compensation |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Kenneth Floro | \$87,657.63 | \$66,482.23 | \$35,926.20 | \$190,066.06 |
| Marc Abdilla | \$72,364.13 | \$45,363.24 | \$32,418.14 | \$150,145.51 |
| Ryan McCormick | \$70,400.00 | \$44,409.87 | \$31,936.96 | \$146,746.83 |
| Louis Keele | \$75,122.27 | \$38,916.03 | \$32,362.28 | \$146,400.58 |
| Gregory Laurain | \$104,807.87 | — | \$31,540.45 | \$136,348.32 |
| Mark Buckberry Jr. | \$100,191.49 | — | \$33,441.33 | \$133,632.82 |
| Michael Moening | \$83,538.49 | \$17,276.12 | \$32,118.66 | \$132,933.27 |
| Charles Bazzy | \$88,195.91 | — | \$38,608.54 | \$126,804.45 |
| Dennis Brooks | \$88,439.96 | — | \$32,031.15 | \$120,471.11 |
| Michael Papin | \$86,146.31 | — | \$31,723.75 | \$117,870.06 |
| Ernie Thornsby | \$87,979.25 | — | \$29,218.97 | \$117,198.22 |
| Frederick Yono | \$81,879.68 | — | \$34,576.55 | \$116,456.23 |
| Adam Byrd | \$77,863.01 | — | \$36,012.70 | \$113,875.71 |
| Anthony Karver | — | \$82,733.55 | \$29,691.36 | \$112,424.91 |
| Kenneth Toney | \$81,571.92 | — | \$30,801.28 | \$112,373.20 |
| David Schuler** | \$42,794.67 | \$43,767.74 | \$25,766.63 | \$112,329.04 |
| Alexander Schultz | \$82,456.45 | — | \$28,909.71 | \$111,366.16 |
| Donovan McCarthy | \$77,922.25 | — | \$30,363.32 | \$108,285.57 |
| Jeffery Stanton | \$78,382.59 | — | \$29,625.26 | \$108,007.85 |
| Jeffery Gueli | \$93,064.14 | — | \$12,209.00 | \$105,273.14 |
| Carl McClanahan | \$92,818.29 | — | \$11,892.15 | \$104,710.44 |
| Ryan Bidwell | \$69,637.35 | — | \$35,025.62 | \$104,662.97 |
| Mark Buxton | \$74,084.50 | — | \$29,902.79 | \$103,987.29 |
| Bart DeVos | \$84,846.37 | — | \$18,819.73 | \$103,666.10 |
| Derek Perez | \$73,461.72 | — | \$29,795.78 | \$103,257.50 |
| Patrick Wehrman | \$72,995.29 | — | \$29,772.08 | \$102,767.37 |
| Frederick Sweet | \$72,663.65 | — | \$29,732.29 | \$102,395.94 |
| Christopher Valinski | \$72,479.07 | — | \$29,710.14 | \$102,189.21 |
| Amy Smith | \$72,506.94 | — | \$29,125.00 | \$101,631.94 |
| Carrie Traster | \$72,162.16 | — | \$29,083.63 | \$101,245.79 |
| Dale Harrison | \$74,725.26 | — | \$24,591.65 | \$99,316.91 |
| Joseph Smith | \$69,704.63 | — | \$29,355.19 | \$99,059.82 |
| Michael Rini | \$78,982.54 | — | \$17,912.55 | \$96,895.09 |
| Keith Smyth | \$75,721.29 | — | \$18,487.89 | \$94,209.18 |
| Michael Long | \$75,195.40 | — | \$18,424.79 | \$93,620.19 |
| Scott Griggs | \$75,999.89 | — | \$17,586.92 | \$93,586.81 |
| Matthew Raschke | \$62,430.04 | — | \$28,464.59 | \$90,894.63 |
| Christopher Herrick | \$65,543.17 | — | \$23,457.52 | \$89,000.69 |
| Christopher Hayes | \$59,290.25 | — | \$28,127.48 | \$87,417.73 |
| Kenneth Dandy | \$58,394.14 | — | \$27,231.76 | \$85,625.90 |
| Ryan Barry | \$67,228.00 | — | \$16,501.91 | \$83,729.91 |
| Michael Burgor | \$48,113.88 | — | \$29,168.21 | \$77,282.09 |
| Pamela Fleming | \$46,536.90 | — | \$25,378.90 | \$71,915.80 |
| Darwin Loyer* | — | \$48,040.53 | \$12,913.79 | \$60,954.32 |
| Kenneth Brooks* | \$41,972.34 | — | \$10,253.12 | \$52,225.46 |
| Daniel Besson | — | \$39,890.85 | \$7,604.03 | \$47,494.88 |
| Bruce Van Gemert | — | \$40,808.56 | \$48.25 | \$40,856.81 |
| John Henderson | — | \$40,263.46 | \$48.25 | \$40,311.71 |
| Danny Wilson | — | \$36,176.23 | \$48.25 | \$36,224.48 |
| Jessica Shippe* | \$26,024.91 | — | \$9,608.93 | \$35,633.84 |
| Lacey Marcotte | — | \$30,557.45 | \$48.25 | \$30,605.70 |
| Ronald Folks | — | \$30,515.46 | \$48.25 | \$30,563.71 |
| Joshua Worth | — | \$29,717.95 | — | \$29,717.95 |
| Nicholas Robson* | — | \$29,391.76 | \$48.25 | \$29,440.01 |

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5th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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| Employee Name | Police Wages | Fire Wages | Benefits | Total Compensation |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| David Brouillette | _____ | \$28,701.83 | _____ | \$28,701.83 |
| Jeffery Schultz | _____ | \$27,926.46 | _____ | \$27,926.46 |
| Angela Hayes | _____ | \$26,454.91 | \$48.25 | \$26,503.16 |
| Curtis Lunsford | _____ | \$26,379.09 | \$48.25 | \$26,427.34 |
| Michael Shores | _____ | \$24,784.68 | \$48.25 | \$24,832.93 |
| Douglas Doty | _____ | \$24,254.30 | \$48.25 | \$24,302.55 |
| David Champagne* | \$17,968.32 | \$2,201.69 | \$2,668.39 | \$22,838.40 |
| Timothy Queen | _____ | \$22,397.95 | \$48.25 | \$22,446.20 |
| John Hayden | _____ | \$21,756.69 | \$48.25 | \$21,804.94 |
| Heather Vetraino* | \$17,175.48 | _____ | \$2,261.14 | \$19,436.62 |
| Richard Hamill Jr. | _____ | \$19,129.65 | \$48.25 | \$19,177.90 |
| Charles DeWitt | _____ | \$18,738.08 | \$48.25 | \$18,786.33 |
| Todd Sorrell | _____ | \$16,555.50 | \$48.25 | \$16,603.75 |
| John Rose | _____ | \$16,202.70 | \$48.25 | \$16,250.95 |
| William Kirkland III | \$13,369.99 | _____ | \$1,722.80 | \$15,092.79 |
| Patrick Laskaska | _____ | \$14,717.92 | \$48.25 | \$14,766.17 |
| Elizabeth McCormick | _____ | \$10,374.21 | \$48.25 | \$10,422.46 |
| Kenneth Landstrom | _____ | \$10,241.61 | \$48.25 | \$10,289.86 |
| James Ferris | _____ | \$9,424.53 | \$48.25 | \$9,472.78 |
| Herbert Walker | _____ | \$7,562.40 | _____ | \$7,562.40 |
| Daniel Walter | _____ | \$5,911.78 | _____ | \$5,911.78 |
| Ian Skotak | _____ | \$2,327.51 | _____ | \$2,327.51 |
| Christopher Roy | _____ | \$2,082.80 | _____ | \$2,082.80 |
| Justin Mathis | _____ | \$1,512.07 | _____ | \$1,512.07 |
| Seth Kleinglass | _____ | \$1,302.50 | _____ | \$1,302.50 |
| Caine Everett | _____ | \$994.51 | _____ | \$994.51 |
| George Smith | _____ | \$771.55 | _____ | \$771.55 |
| Anthony Simons | _____ | \$724.43 | _____ | \$724.43 |
| Timothy Krajnovich | _____ | \$703.13 | _____ | \$703.13 |
| Scott Spoonamore | _____ | \$681.51 | _____ | \$681.51 |
| Christopher Alberga | _____ | \$633.06 | _____ | \$633.06 |
| Robert DeLeon | _____ | \$87.08 | _____ | \$87.08 |
| Adrian Garduno-Perez | _____ | \$87.08 | _____ | \$87.08 |

* Indicates partial year wages

** Wages for David Schueler are from the Planning Department and Fire Department.

Animal Control

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|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Robert Queener* | \$51,558.25 | \$29,320.04 | \$80,878.29 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

* Wages for Robert Queener are from Public Safety and Building and Planning

| Dispatch Employee | Dispatch Wages | Fire Wages | Benefits | Total Compensation |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| David McNally | \$59,661.52 | \$44,423.49 | \$32,071.33 | \$136,156.34 |
| Robert Martin | \$63,031.45 | | \$28,486.78 | \$91,518.23 |
| Julie Jones | \$63,875.18 | | \$16,042.76 | \$79,917.94 |
| Sally Donaldson | \$64,228.84 | | \$14,639.64 | \$78,868.48 |
| Gretchen Lucas | \$49,966.08 | | \$26,426.26 | \$76,392.34 |
| Teri Rea | \$58,498.25 | | \$16,752.44 | \$75,250.69 |
| Terri Brooks | \$64,582.74 | | \$8,387.01 | \$72,969.75 |
| Kathleen Springer | \$35,078.45 | | \$25,265.67 | \$60,344.12 |
| Georgia Baker* | \$24,944.02 | | \$5,371.38 | \$30,315.40 |
| Donald Leonard* | \$11,861.03 | | \$10,282.73 | \$22,143.76 |
| Susan DeFresne* | \$13,649.40 | | \$20.18 | \$13,669.58 |
| Dana Schaefer | \$1,537.69 | | \$191.32 | \$1,729.01 |

* Indicates partial year wages

Van Buren Township

Employee Wages & Actual Cost to Township 1/1/12-12/31/12

| | Wages | Longevity Pay | Benefits | Total Compensation |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Elected Officials | | | | |
| Paul White | \$75,447.71 | \$1,147.34 | \$29,686.41 | \$105,134.12 |
| Leon Wright | \$75,979.44 | \$1,235.96 | \$9,716.63 | \$85,696.07 |
| Sharry Budd | \$78,819.48 | \$6,476.00 | \$29,502.27 | \$108,321.75 |
| Phillip Hart | \$14,775.51 | \$2,114.55 | \$9,037.37 | \$23,812.88 |
| Jeffery Jahr | \$14,275.58 | \$1,614.62 | \$9,984.44 | \$24,260.02 |

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|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Albert Ostrowski | \$12,876.93 | \$595.80 | \$9,095.13 | \$21,972.06 |
| Denise Partridge | \$12,692.21 | \$595.80 | \$18,797.74 | \$31,489.95 |
| Linda Combs | \$5,690.84 | _____ | \$682.92 | \$6,373.76 |
| Brenda McClanahan | \$452.39 | _____ | \$51.91 | \$504.30 |
| Regina Miller | \$452.39 | _____ | \$51.91 | \$504.30 |

Assessing Dept.

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|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Linda Stevenson | \$73,070.61 | \$4,981.55 | \$33,706.71 | \$106,777.32 |
| William Guenther | \$27,990.00 | _____ | _____ | \$27,990.00 |
| Patricia Veerkamp | \$19,379.74 | _____ | _____ | \$19,379.74 |
| Angela Netro | \$660.00 | _____ | _____ | \$660.00 |
| Juanita Jensen | \$660.00 | _____ | _____ | \$660.00 |
| Loretta Speaks | \$660.00 | _____ | _____ | \$660.00 |
| Harry Roesch III | \$660.00 | _____ | _____ | \$660.00 |
| John Kryza | \$600.00 | _____ | _____ | \$600.00 |

Building Dept.

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|-----------------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| Terry Carroll | \$77,964.52 | _____ | \$30,154.99 | \$108,119.51 |
| Judy Fields | \$68,478.56 | _____ | \$31,409.67 | \$99,888.23 |
| Brenda Kurtz | \$43,637.11 | _____ | \$25,807.57 | \$69,444.68 |
| Tina Grishaber | \$44,660.86 | _____ | \$14,455.74 | \$59,116.60 |
| Matthew Forster | \$34,450.48 | _____ | \$12,564.08 | \$47,014.56 |

Cable Dept.

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|------------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Alwena McCracken | \$39,579.30 | _____ | \$5,282.51 | \$44,861.81 |
| Erik Beehler | \$2,800.81 | _____ | _____ | \$2,800.81 |

Clerk Dept.

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|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Kathleen Cline | \$72,060.76 | \$3,945.73 | \$33,705.59 | \$105,766.35 |
| Vernon Morse | \$64,325.79 | \$3,975.73 | \$27,507.77 | \$91,833.56 |
| Carol Towles | \$52,646.26 | _____ | \$6,618.04 | \$59,264.30 |

Community Svs.

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|------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Jennifer Price | \$43,920.75 | _____ | \$25,883.69 | \$69,804.44 |
| Christina Harman | \$45,642.99 | _____ | \$23,477.33 | \$69,120.32 |

DDA Director

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|---------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Susan Ireland | \$71,776.65 | _____ | \$17,705.02 | \$89,481.67 |
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Election Dept.

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|-------------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Joanne Montgomery | \$47,619.27 | _____ | \$5,931.66 | \$53,550.93 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|

IT Dept.

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|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Steve Rankin | \$68,544.54 | \$1,733.95 | \$16,945.59 | \$85,490.13 |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|

Maintenance Dept.

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|------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Jeffery Fondaw | \$56,320.00 | _____ | \$27,116.97 | \$83,436.97 |
| Kirk Jenkins | \$4,879.44 | _____ | \$31,647.61 | \$36,527.05 |
| Bert Conrad | \$25,200.42 | _____ | \$10,904.73 | \$36,105.15 |
| Gerald Taylor | \$13,189.97 | _____ | \$0.00 | \$13,189.97 |
| Patricia Queener | \$3,530.83 | _____ | \$105.86 | \$3,636.69 |

Museum Director

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|----------------|-------------|--|--------|-------------|
| Kathryn Dallos | \$33,592.50 | | \$0.00 | \$33,592.50 |
|----------------|-------------|--|--------|-------------|

Parks

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|----------------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Ryan Drotar | \$47,071.91 | | \$15,708.85 | \$62,780.76 |
| David Ruff | \$7,834.50 | | | \$7,834.50 |
| Freddie Campbell | \$7,364.68 | | | \$7,364.68 |
| Tyler Wall | \$5,402.00 | | | \$5,402.00 |
| Chelsea Russell | \$4,780.00 | | | \$4,780.00 |
| Brittany Miller | \$2,083.13 | | | \$2,083.13 |
| Danny Fisher | \$1,948.00 | | | \$1,948.00 |
| Kathleene Blackstone | \$1,662.38 | | | \$1,662.38 |
| Anthony Marshall Jr. | \$1,606.00 | | | \$1,606.00 |
| Aaron Good | \$1,414.87 | | | \$1,414.87 |

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Here are the latest salaries for VBT and Belleville

Five years ago someone suggested we might like to publish the annual salaries of our public servants, so on Jan. 15, 2009 we started with the top 25 money-makers in the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department.

That was so amazing that we decided to expand and do a more thorough job. We added what the benefits cost taxpayers to the total compensation. Yipes.

We then progressed to publishing ALL the salaries of all our public servants in the Tri-Community, including the school district. What an eye-opener.

These employees work for us, the tax payers, although some forget that fact sometimes. Most are good with it. But, it's good to check on the hired help from time to time.

Don't be confused by the VBT salaries that show income in both police and fire categories. Those are the blended-rate folks, most who primarily work in the police department and also work in the fire department -- earning a lot for doing this. You wonder if their children know who they are, since they would have to be gone from home so much to work that many hours. Must love the work.

Anyway, some of our readers have been anxiously awaiting the latest list of salaries, so they can show them to their friends in other communities and compare the local salaries with the Attorney General and other top officials.

This is the start. More to come.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Colin Jordan, our mail carrier on Main Street, hit a deer on the way to his home in Cement City recently. It was about 5:30 p.m. in Columbia Township, about a mile or so from home. Two deer appeared in the roadway and he veered left (no traffic) and missed one but the other had moved forward.

He said he and his wife had just filled their freezer with beef, so the deer was given to a driver who asked if Colin was going to claim the meat. They waited for police to arrive (40 minutes) and got a "kill tag" for the deer, which is required.

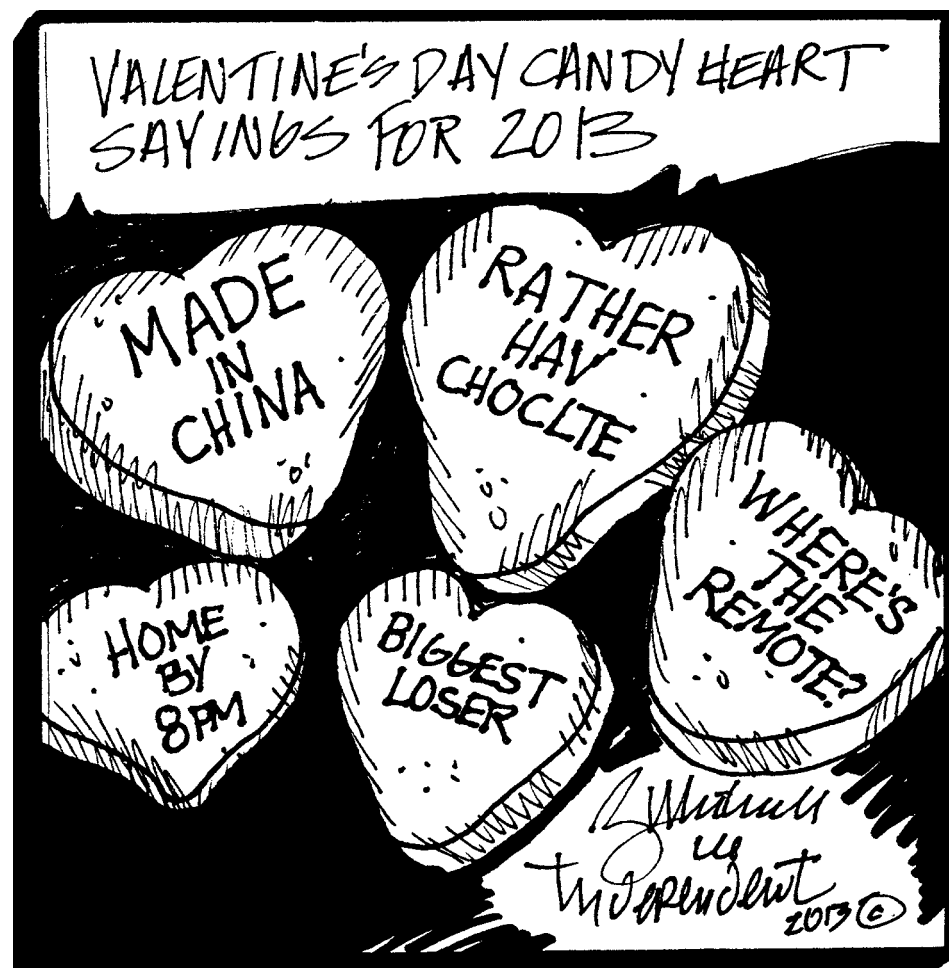
At least Colin wasn't riding his motorcycle this time. You may recall his lengthy time off his mail delivery route after his motorcycle crash almost two years ago.

We've had several reports about robin sightings. The first one to call was Louise Montie, who saw two robins in her yard on Feb. 6. Another lady dropped by on Feb. 7 to tell us she had just seen a flock of robins on Bemis Road.

Jackie Garner, our office manager, said she saw about 25 robins in her yard recently.

Now, the question: Did these robins stay here for the winter, as some suspect, or did they really go away and come back?

On Feb. 1, nine communities (including Belleville and Van Buren Township) representing 19 entities (VBT has a DDA and LDFA and Belleville just a DDA) filed a complaint for declaratory judgment in Wayne County Circuit Court against the Wayne County Treasurer, Wayne County Zoo Authority and Wayne County Art



Authority to clarify the law on capturing millages.

The nine communities are joined in the lawsuit by a list of special taxation districts, including two DDAs in Dearborn and a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in Plymouth Township.

Currently the Zoo Authority, theoretically, is supposed to get .1 mill and the Art Authority .2 mill of our taxes. But a group of communities say their attorneys interpret the law differently so they are capturing the taxes for their DDAs, etc. A judge is supposed to sort it all out. This should be interesting.

We get the most interesting things here. This week I received a picture of snow that was pushed out into South Liberty Street from the sidewalk at Victory Park -- by a city snowplow. This is significant because a city official recently was complaining about city residents who do the very same thing his crew was doing -- pushing snow into the roadway, which is illegal.

In case you were wondering, there were no cameras at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. I guess they haven't decided where to show them, yet.

At the Jan. 28 school board meeting there were three big cameras in place recording the session, but a school official said they hadn't figured out where to show the

recordings.

Maybe they gave up trying. An official from Van Buren Township told me she called the school to point out it has an Educational Channel that was given to it by VBT. For many years, that channel was a vibrant source of school information, but after teacher Steve Wilson left the district it was used less and less and finally not at all.

The school board meetings used to be shown on that channel live and recorded and many, many people who couldn't get to the board meeting in person could watch the meetings on TV. When construction on the new high school started, the cablecasts of the board meetings ceased, with the promise they would resume once the new, high-tech BHS was built.

Well, it's built.

On its township website, the VBT Fire Department offers access to "Van Buren Fire & Rescue Live Scanner Audio Feed" that allows the public to listen to fire calls on a computer. We got it set up on Monday and listened to runs all Tuesday. We've been without our scanner runs since all the police and fire agencies switched to 800 MHz. This is nice.



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Letters

Michigan Downtown Assoc. explains Zoo, DIA millage captures

To the Editor:

The following letter was submitted to *The Detroit News* in response to an opinion editorial written regarding the capture of Detroit Zoo and DIA millage revenues. I am sending it to you, as it will provide important information that clarifies why the communities in question are required to retain this tax increment revenue.

The Michigan Downtown Association (MDA) Board of Directors has asked that I write to clear up some potential reader concerns that arose from an article in *The Detroit News* regarding the Wayne County communities Tax Increment Finance capture (Zoo/DIA).

The Michigan Downtown Association is the statewide organization of over 200 member communities that supports good development of our downtowns. Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs) have successfully worked to revitalize Michigan's downtowns, maintained their property values, and prevented tax loss for decades.

Communities are judged by the appearances of their downtowns, and the postwar era was very hard on the State's downtown districts. Significant disinvestment and business loss was negatively impacting our downtowns, and this blight was beginning to spill into the adjacent neighborhoods.

In 1975, the State legislature created DDAs to combat this serious downtown tax base erosion that was threatening entire communities. They created independent and dedicated funding streams for downtown reinvestment.

The most widely-used tool that supports the revitalization of Michigan's downtowns is Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF captures only the "increment" in taxes from increased property values – the taxes on the original values continue to be collected by the taxing authorities – including the Zoo and DIA. Only that incremental increase in tax revenue is then made available for reinvestment by the DDAs.

It is this financing structure that is being brought into question in regards to the Zoo tax.

The MDA Board is concerned that a misinterpretation of the TIF law is causing readers to think that Wayne County communities are misdirecting funds from the Detroit Zoo.

Under the state law, municipal and county treasurers are required to transmit tax increment revenues to the DDA within their districts, unless the taxing jurisdiction is exempt or the taxing jurisdiction has opted out of capture.

In the Zoo Authority case, its ballot language does not exempt it from capture; it has not

opted out of capture; and therefore, this millage is subject to capture for reinvestment. Failure to create opt-out language on the ballot requires these funds to be captured.

The fact is those communities in Wayne County that are retaining the increment capture for submission to their DDAs, are following state law.

Although the State Attorney General's office has granted a non-binding opinion, several of the Wayne County communities have obtained their own legal opinions that contradict the Attorney General's position. To support its members, the MDA is pursuing an additional legal opinion on this issue.

It is the position of the MDA Board of Directors that this issue is an interpretation of legislation. Debates in interpretation can only be settled by a court ruling.

We affirm that strong cultural organizations support the creation of Quality of Life experiences for community residents.

We know that by fostering community-wide tax base growth, downtown revitalization improves the region's overall Quality of Life. Long-term TIF investments lead to increasing overall tax revenues for the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo. It is a win-win for all.

Sincerely,

Susan Ireland,

Van Buren Township DDA Executive Director on behalf of

Arthur F. Mullen, AICP

Legislative and Advocacy Committee Chair, Michigan Downtown Association

Letter writer from MDA now works at VBT

To the Editor:

FYI, this past Friday on Feb. 8, 2013 at approximately 12:30 p.m. I forwarded to you a letter to the editor that was distributed by the Michigan Downtown Association (MDA) of which the Van Buren Township DDA is a member.

I thought this correspondence would be helpful for your readers in providing additional information with regard to the Zoo Millage and DDAs.


The Chairperson of the MDA Legislative Committee and author of that letter is Arthur Mullen. At the time I forwarded this information to you, I was unaware the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Director would no longer be employed with the township nor that my fellow MDA member would be the Interim Director and is purely coincidental.

Thank you,

Susan Ireland, Executive Director

Van Buren Charter Township Downtown Development Authority

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Obituaries

PATRICIA ANN SIKORSKI WHITE

Patricia Ann Sikorski White, age 57, of Athens, TN, passed away Monday, February 11, 2013 at her residence.

A native of Willis, MI, and longtime resident of Belleville, MI before moving to Athens 1½ years ago, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Sophia Saja Sikorski and was preceded in death by a son, Scott White, and an infant sister, Barbara Sikorski.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Terry White of Athens; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry (Heather) White Jr. of Wyandotte, MI, Jason (Christal) White of Ypsilanti, MI, and Jesse White of Athens; two grandchildren Janelle White and Jaidyn White; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward (Kathy) Sikorski of Arden, NC.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Ziegler Funeral Home, 521 W. Madison Ave., Athens, TN.

If you are unable to attend the visitation, sign the online registry at www.zieglerfuneralhome.com. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Patricia White.

Corrections:

On page four in last week's *Independent* editorial, we erroneously said that the late William Gage's fire fighter number in the Van Buren Township Fire Department was #11 and it has been retired. We were mistaken. Lt. Gage wore #13 and that is retired. Fire Fighter Angela Hayes wears #11 and that is not retired.

We apologize for the error.

Two children

Also, on page 11, it refers to two children ages 5 and 4 as the children of Angelina Perry and Ray Hunt. They actually are Perry's children. Perry also is the mother of Oliver, who drowned, and Hunt only fathered one child, Oliver.

We regret the mixup.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



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Muriel Paulsen

MURIEL B. PAULSEN

(December 3, 1921 - February 8, 2013)
Muriel B. Paulsen, age 91 of Ypsilanti, formerly of the Belleville area, passed away peacefully under the loving care of Allegiance Hospice Home in Jackson, MI on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the age of 91, after a brief illness.

Muriel was born on the Garden Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on December 3, 1921 to Frederick and Delia (Mainville) Gauthier. Following high school, she graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Nursing School in Green Bay, WI and worked for many years as an RN at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI and at Belleville Hospital in Belleville, MI. As a longtime resident of Belleville, she was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She lived the last few years at American House Senior Living in Ypsilanti, enjoying daily Bingo, card playing, and many activities with many new friends.

She was preceded in death by Russ, her loving husband of 60 years, and siblings Clifford (Pete), Eugene (Norbie), and Stella.

She leaves behind her daughter Kris Adler of Jackson, granddaughter Jennifer (Clint) Walker of Hot Springs, SD, great granddaughters Karis and Mattea Walker, numerous nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

Visitation was at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 6-8 PM. Burial in the spring time at New Garden Cemetery, Garden, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society and would be appreciated by the family.

Please sign Muriel's on line guestbook & share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Anna Horvath Stoltz

ANNA HORVATH STOLTZ

(July 14, 1915 - February 6, 2013)

Anna Horvath Stoltz, age 97, of Chelsea, Michigan, died on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born on July 14, 1915 in Oleson, Colorado, the daughter of Ellis and Katie (Fabish) Horvath. Born in a sod house in the high desert, her parents homesteaded as they endured the hardships of pioneer life. Attending a one-room school with only nine students, Anna made life-long friends, even at that early age.

She is survived by her son Steve J. Stoltz, her granddaughter Anjanette M. Stoltz, grandson-in-law Anthony M. Bango, great-granddaughters Ambrielle V. Stoltz-Bango and Aurene A. Stoltz-Bango, and step-great-grandson Stephen H. Bango, all of Ann Arbor. Of her five siblings, Anna is survived by her sisters Mary (Harry) Mefford of Dearborn, Julia Skolarus of Milford, and her sister-in-law Dora Horvath of New Boston. She is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Steve J. Stoltz Sr., her daughter-in-law Joyce V. Stoltz, her brothers John (Lucille) Horvath of Plymouth and Stephen Horvath of New Boston, her sister Ethel (Norman) Konarska of Romulus, and brother-in-law Stanley Skolarus of Milford.

Unable to survive the jackrabbits, grasshoppers and drought of the late 1920s, her family moved to Huron Township, where they truck-farmed through the depression years of the 1930s. These were the formative years that forged her strong work ethic. Anna often told stories about her childhood friends, working in the Hungarian community of Delray, selling vegetables at Western Market, and living in rural New Boston.

Married at St. Stephen's Church in 1937, Anna lived in Sumpter Township with her husband. During WWII, she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at the Willow Run bomber plant where she handled the "bucking bar" as she fabricated the side panels of the B-24 airplanes. Many years later, Anna attended the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice dedication of the Rosie stamp with other women of her era. After the war, she worked for the Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) riveting intricate metal components that are used in business machines.

After retirement in 1976, Anna enjoyed many activities with her family and friends. She was able to connect with her family roots in Hungary and visited with distant cousins, who live in the same village in which her father grew up prior his immigration in 1907. This continued to fuel her interest in Hungarian culture. Anna was able to speak and write Hungarian fluently and was renowned for her Hungarian cooking and baking. This latter talent won her several blue for baking at the New Boston Applefest and other culinary events.

In 1999, Anna moved to the Silver Maples Retirement Community of Chelsea. She resided there until the month prior to her death.

Visitation was Monday, February 11, 2013 from 2-8 pm at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan. Funeral Mass was on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10:30 am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston, Michigan. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, 32163 Huron River Drive, Flat Rock, Michigan.



Margaret Ann Walker

MARGARET ANN WALKER

(May 4, 1946 - February 6, 2013)

Mrs. Margaret A. Walker of Belleville passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at her home.

On February 13, 1969, she was married to John L. Walker, Sr. in Atlanta, Georgia. Margaret loved to go shopping, couponing and arts and crafts. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. Everyone that knew her loved her.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband John; adored mother of John "Bubba" Jr., Ricky (Cathi), Cathy Green, Joe (Julie), and Tammy Brown. Cherished grandmother of 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Denzil and Maggie, one daughter Merry Williams and one brother Danny Nida.

Visitation for Mrs. Walker was held on Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 2 to 8 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, (734) 697-9400. A funeral service was held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at Noon at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Lafferty officiating. Final visitation was from 10 A.M. until time of service. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. www.hnfhome.com

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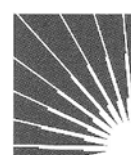
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| | | | | | L. Griffin | 143.00 | 10.94 | - | - | - | 153.94 |
| | | | | | S. Griggs | 940.66 | 71.96 | - | - | - | 1,012.62 |
| | | | | | J. Keeton | 1,985.49 | 151.89 | - | - | - | 2,137.38 |
| | | | | | G. Kennedy | 2,074.50 | 158.70 | - | - | - | 2,233.20 |
| | | | | | B.Loranger | 5,269.17 | 403.09 | - | - | - | 5,672.26 |
| | | | | | M. Loveland | 196.00 | 14.99 | - | - | - | 210.99 |
| | | | | | J. Martin | 56.00 | 4.28 | - | - | - | 60.28 |
| | | | | | C.McClinton | 2,110.50 | 161.45 | - | - | - | 2,271.95 |
| | | | | | K.Rix | 3,257.50 | 249.20 | - | - | - | 3,506.70 |
| | | | | | A.Simons | 1,537.33 | 117.61 | - | - | - | 1,654.94 |
| | | | | | G. Smith | 135.33 | 10.35 | - | - | - | 145.68 |
| | | | | | A.Zehel | 3,341.67 | 255.64 | - | - | - | 3,597.31 |
| | | | | | W.Zehel | 2,397.50 | 183.41 | - | - | - | 2,580.91 |
| | | | | | C.Zweng | 3,714.33 | 284.15 | - | - | - | 3,998.48 |
| | | | | | Senior Transportation Drivers | | | | | | |
| | | | | | J.Akans | 6,132.50 | 469.14 | - | - | - | 6,601.64 |
| | | | | | R.Murray | 3,346.75 | 256.03 | - | - | - | 3,602.78 |

| | Health Care | Life Insurance |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| K. Brooks | \$4,797.66 | |
| Combs | \$13,574.04 | \$35.70 |
| Guenther | \$18,941.85 | |
| Noye | \$10,418.71 | |
| Schroeder | \$6,199.03 | |
| Sears | \$6,199.03 | |
| Smith | \$8,208.75 | |
| Foster | \$14,641.60 | \$35.70 |
| Greene | \$19,751.00 | |
| Gutowski | \$7,320.74 | \$19.68 |
| Hodge | \$9,271.53 | |
| Kauppila | \$18,611.77 | |
| Kennedy | \$19,693.37 | |
| Miller | \$21,586.73 | |
| Mussehl | \$7,320.74 | \$19.68 |
| Soja | \$7,320.74 | \$19.68 |
| Szuma | \$18,543.13 | |
| Wilson | \$8,288.90 | \$35.70 |
| Yaglosky | \$24,866.70 | |
| Total | \$245,556.02 | \$166.14 |



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Obituaries



Mark Andrew Britz

MARK ANDREW BRITZ

(April 10, 1983 - January 13, 2013)

Mark A. Britz, age 29, of Gilbert, Arizona, and formerly of Belleville, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2013 after battling brain tumors and brain cancer for over 9 years.

Beloved husband of Bethany and loving father of Mark Timothy. Dearest loving son of Michael (Alice) Britz of Ypsilanti and Debra (Kelly) McCrystal of Belleville. Grandson of Arthur and Sally Oldham of Romulus. Dear brother of Jason (Amanda) Britz and step-brother of Joshua (April) Salley, Regina (Joshua) Roza, Jessica (John) Kaznowski and Megan McCrystal. He is also survived by his dear in-laws, Tim and Fran Hotchkiss of Gilbert, Arizona, and many other friends and family.

The funeral was held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Mark's body was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery in Flat Rock. He will be so missed, but we know that he is watching down on us from Heaven.

PAMELA A. HALL

(January 31, 1948 - February 11, 2013)

Pamela Ann Hall, age 65, of Willis, MI, passed away Monday, February 11, 2013 at McLaren Hospital, Flint, MI. She was born January 31,

1948 in Wayne, MI, daughter of the late Sedley & Dorothy (Wolfe) Mills.

She loved watching movies, traveling, vacations and playing slot machines.

Survived by three children Susan (Daniel) Hammer-Cantrell of Mt. Morris, MI, Charlene Moore of Hot Springs, NC and Charles (Sarah) Moore of Romulus, MI; grandchildren Sydney, Eric, Emma, Charlie Jr., Brian Jr., Andrew, Stephanie and Daniel; a sister Linda (Dean) Mortelle of Northville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 1:00 PM with a gathering from Noon until the time of service. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Kathleen M. McCallum

KATHLEEN M. McCALLUM

(September 10, 1939 - February 11, 2013)

Kathleen M. McCallum, 73, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Belleville, passed away on February 11, 2013. Kathleen was born September 10, 1939 in Detroit. She was the daughter of the late Joseph William Francis Reynolds and Marion E. (Reed) Reynolds.

Kathleen was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge #1135 Belleville, the Conservation Club of Belleville and the PTA. She enjoyed going to the boy scouts club and little league games. She also worked at the Romulus Michigan week festival and the Strawberry Festival. She loved camping and spending time

with all children, especially her grandchildren. Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters; Patsy and Joan.

To cherish her memory she leaves two sons Michel (Deborah) and David McCallum; one daughter Linda McCallum; seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many friends.

Friends may gather from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 26, 2013 at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 941-9200. The memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. with Pastor Robert White, of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Those who wish may donate to Ebeid Hospice Residence, of Sylvania, Ohio. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.



Theresa Mayer

THERESA MAYER

(January 5, 1932 - February 8, 2013)

Theresa Mayer, age 81, of Belleville, MI, formerly of Dexter, MI, passed away Friday, February 8, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born January 5, 1932 in Westernport, Maryland, daughter of the late John Edward & Margaret (Mackenzie) Bradley.

Theresa was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville and the September Days Senior Citizens. She loved crossword puzzles, going to Mackinaw and making quilts. She retired from Chrysler Corporation after 29 years

of loyal service.

She is survived by three children Gary Mayer of Jackson, MI, Sue Mayer of Wixom, MI, and Brian Mayer of Belleville, a sister Clare King of Canton, MI, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Alleda Sheffer, also two brothers Bertram and Flave Bradley.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Monday with a 6 PM Scripture Service at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. There also was visitation Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 11 AM until 1 PM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant for her 1:00 PM Funeral Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



FRANCES DIANNE McCOY

(October 1, 1953 - February 11, 2012)

Please join us this Saturday, February 16 at 4 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville for a short service to Honor our Loving Mother, Grandmother, Church Leader and Precious Child of God. Everyone is invited.

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Doug Dalton Auctioneer presents another estate antique auction Friday evening, Feb. 15, at 5 and 6 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Hall**. One venue will feature a collection of jewelry from **Miss Virginia** of Taylor MI, featuring

gold rings, Asian jewelry, carved ivory, pearls, and more. The main auction room will feature a large Sterling Collection of 18th Century art works, bronzes, antique furniture, oriental rugs and antique lighting. Auction previews get underway at 4 p.m. For more details and lots of photos, visit www.dougaldaltonauctioneer.com.

Janet Manley and A Design Line Embroidery on Belleville Road behind

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Hott Hair Salon and Denny's Barber Shop on Main Street next to **City Hall** is offering sweet offers for your Valentine this week with discount coupons in today's paper on washes and cuts, nails and manis, hair extensions, and hi-lites. Owner **Marlene Mills** and her staff of salon professionals include **Coralie, Megan, Jaimie, and Kara**. Walk-ins and appointments are

available and can be made by calling (734) 697-4485. Like them on Facebook to get personal daily salon specials.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will be holding a pet adoption and micro chipping event this Saturday, Feb. 16, at the **Petco Pet Store** on Warren Avenue in Westland, across from Westland Mall. Dogs and cats will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To see photo stories of pets in need of homes, visit them on Facebook and at www.fmar1.org.

The **Belleville High School Baseball Program** will hold a **Spring Pancake Supper Fundraiser** on Friday, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the BHS Cafeteria. The cost is \$7 per person at the door. There will also be a silent and live auction, 50/50 raffle, and a drawing for cash prizes of \$50-\$200. For tickets, call Coach **Dave Stamper** at (734) 740-1716.

Liberty Tax Service on Belleville Road next to **Big Boy** salutes veterans and active military and their family members with free tax preparation for first-time customers at all Liberty Tax Service locations, from Feb. 18-23. For more info, call (734) 325-7011.

The *Independent* is giving away free color this spring. Simply advertise in color with us during the month of March and get free color for the four weeks in April. We call it our **Put Color in your Easter** promotion. To learn more call me at (734) 699-9020.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Basement fire closes Sweet Chateau cupcake business on Main St.

At 12:35 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, Belleville Fire Department was called to a basement fire at Sweet Chateau cupcake shop at 533 Main Street.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said fire fighters were able to contain the fire to the basement. Two door were damaged for entry and they cut a ventilation hole in the roof, Chief Loranger said.

He said the Michigan State Fire Marshal was on the scene investigating later that day to determine the cause.

Sweet Chateau owner Victoria Thompson posted a notice on the internet that her place is boarded up, but she will fill all the orders that have been placed.

Birthdays

Feb. 14 – Roy Acho, Alec Loechli

Feb. 15 – Rosemary Otzman,
Gene Zwiernikowski

Feb. 18 – Al Ostrowski

Do you have a birthday in February? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020.

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Van Buren Public Schools is accepting funding year 16 (2013-14) USF bids for Internal Connections until 5:00 p.m. ET on March 4, 2013. Bids are to be emailed to erate@vanburenschools.net in accordance with all bid guidelines. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be considered.

Bid documents can be obtained by calling/emailing Patty Burrell at 734-697-9123, email address pburrell@vanburenschools.net. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided. All bids must be accompanied by a familial disclosure statement. Bids received without a familial disclosure statement will be rejected.

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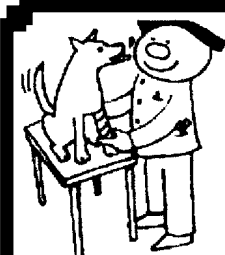
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 3:

0750 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1320 – larceny, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1347 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1927 – missing person, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd
2007 – subpoena service, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
2036 – citizen assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Feb. 4:

0119 – follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron
0747 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0809 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0822 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0846 – citizen assist, Willis/Rawsonville
0857 – disorderly person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1013 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1057 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1123 – fire dept. assist, Oregon
1616 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1641 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1716 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1913 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2113 – suspicious vehicle, Nevada

Monday, Feb. 5:

0749 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0846 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0954 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
1002 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1027 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1120 – warrant arrest, out of township
1231 – civil dispute, Birch
1306 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
1339 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1621 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1716 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Dunn
1748 – suspicious incident, Nevada
1824 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1912 – breaking & entering, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1950 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2107 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

0319 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0703 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1123 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1137 – animal complaint, Carleton West/Wear
1143 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1326 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1434 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1455 – alarm, 48000 bl. Timberpark Dr.
1632 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1657 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1709 – warrant arrest, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1828 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2250 – death investigation, Oregon
2256 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

0204 – fight, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0729 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Carleton
West Rd.
0741 – larceny, Texas
0935 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1022 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1110 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Reed Rd.
1158 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1308 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1324 – subpoena service, out of township
1419 – harassment complaint, Edgewood
1423 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1434 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1703 – follow-up investigation, 25000 Carleton
West Rd.

1727 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1729 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1834 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1911 – warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2336 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Friday, Feb. 8:

0809 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Kozma
1029 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1201 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rustic
Lane
1206 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1233 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Sumpter
Rd.
1300 – warrant arrest, out of township
1331 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1538 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Lane
1547 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Carleton
West Rd.

1654 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1841 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Saturday, Feb. 9:
0350 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0941 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1009 – malicious destruction of property, Arkona
/ Clark

1153 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1351 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1555 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2106 – reckless driver, Rustic Lane
2240 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2346 – runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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SPACE #F-71, Matthew Allen – 4 boxes, plastic
chair, 3 tall stools, 1 coffee table, glass end table, 3
snack tables, air pump, curtains

SPACE #E-15, Kenneth Chancellor – 2 bicycles, 8
boxes, 2 ladders, large grill, golf clubs, propane tank,
misc. yard tools, DVDs, lawn mower, lawn spreader,
patio bench, misc. items

SPACE #E-16, Betty Jones – full mattress, box
spring, 12 boxes, 1 floor lamp, mirror, foot stool, 1
suitcase, kitchen table, plastic storage bins, reclining
chair, typewriter, flat screen TV, 2 baskets, misc.
items

SPACE #J-22, Miles Johnson – 6 boxes, large
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clothes, battery charger, shoe rack, misc. items

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 3:

0032 – domestic assault, 401 Estrada
0850 – vehicle repossession, 291 Henry St.
1620 – civil matter, 478 E. Waterbury Ct.
1724 – vehicle lockout, 290 S. Industrial Park Dr.
1803 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.
2037 – agency assist, 167 Main St.
2331 – disorderly conduct, 181 Henry

Monday, Feb. 4:

0341 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview Tavern
0923 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1032 – E-911 cellular, 161 Church St.
1139 – larceny, 161 Church St.
1303 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
1326 – assist fire dept., 201 Potter Dr.
1341 – abandoned auto, 251 Henry St.
1406 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1615 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1839 – civil matter, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1906 – suspicious person, W. Waterbury Ct. /
Victorian Lane
2247 – welfare check, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.
2254 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2335 – welfare check, 458 Robbe St.

Tuesday, Feb. 5:

0900 – misc. complaint, Wexford/HRD
0914 – assist fire dept., 9 Capistrano Ct.
1459 – trespassing, Harbour Pointe Sub.
1647 – sexual assault, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

0034 – assist fire dept., 533 Main St.
0109 – malicious destruction of property, 400 N.
Liberty St.
1024 – agency assist, 533 Main St.
1710 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1800 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 548 Sumpter
1911 – suspicious situation, 327 E. Huron River
2046 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2234 – warrant arrest, Belleville/Michigan

Thursday, Feb. 7:

1010 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd.
1603 – domestic assault, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, Feb. 8:

0340 – misc. complaint, 500 N. Liberty St.
0958 – misc. complaint, 297 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.
1236 – welfare check, 220 Henry St.
1433 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1520 – agency assist, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown
1756 – motorist assist, Main/Roys
2005 – assist fire dept., 82 Carmell St.

Saturday, Feb. 9:

0319 – intrusion alarm, 299 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.
0659 – trespassing, 178 N. Liberty St.
1453 – assist citizen, 178 N. Liberty St.
1835 – family trouble, 378 E. Huron River Dr.
2250 – assist fire dept., 104 Carmell St.

Also on this week's log are 64 traffic stops.

VBT Police seek help with finding car that hit bicyclist and drove off

Van Buren Township Police are seeking information on a car that drove off after striking a bicyclist on Ecorse Road near Jeremy at about 7:45 p.m. Jan. 30.

The 28-year-old VBT man was riding his bicycle on the shoulder of the road when he was hit and left lying in the roadway. A passing motorist called police.

The car is described as a 2002-5 Grand Am with damage to the front end and possibly the windshield.

The victim did not receive life-threatening injuries and is recovering from the accident.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call Det. Marc Abdilla at 734-699-8922.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Chief Besson, Battalion Chief McNally, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Attorney McCauley, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixty-eight (68).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the revised agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes January 7, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2013; Special Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Executive Assistant LaMothe introduced James Kosiba, a Van Buren Township resident and 8th grade student at Dearborn Heights Montessori Middle School. James is completing a 30-hour internship this week at Van Buren Township.

Chief Besson and Battalion Chief McNally introduced new probationary fire fighters Tim Craiger, Nolan Kennedy, Dallas Oleszkowicz and Mike Vlademar. Fire service awards were given for the highest number of 2012 paid-on-call responses to fire fighters John Hayden, David Brouillette, Bruce VanGemert and Mike Shores. Promotions to the rank of Fire Lieutenant were given to Ryan McCormick, Mike Shores, Bruce VanGemert, John Henderson (absent), Curtis Lunsford and Charles Dewitt. The 2012 William G. Gage Service Award for Excellence in the Fire Service was presented by Chief Besson, Battalion Chief McNally, Trustee Hart, along with Bill Gage's family members Tamara Gage, Aaron Gage, and Stephanie Gage to recipient, Bruce VanGemert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the amended 2013 Planning Fee Schedule, as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the appointment of Connie Etter to the Cemetery Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by Cathy Horste with term to expire on December 12, 2013. Carried.

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) contract, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the February 5, 2013 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Combs ordered the November 2012 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Publish: February 14, 2013



Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 p.m. For the purpose of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding the 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate income residents.

The following is the estimate allocation for 2013-2014 funds:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Administration: | \$ 6,384.00 |
| Senior Service: | \$68,377.00 |
| Senior Center Improvements: | \$11,639.00 |
| Demolitions: | <u>\$20,000.00</u> |
| Total 2013-2014 CDBG Projects | \$106,400.00 |

Further information is available by contacting the Deputy Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext 2226.

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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2013 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 5, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 11, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 13, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 14, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 13, 2013.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 12, 2013.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>Ratio</u> | <u>Multiplier</u> |
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| Commercial | 50% | 1.0000 |
| Industrial | 50% | 1.0000 |
| Residential | 50% | 1.0000 |
| Developmental | 50% | 1.0000 |
| Personal | 50% | 1.0000 |

Leon Wright, Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 14, 2013
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Thursday, February 28, 2013

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

Sunday, Feb. 3:

0247 – disorderly conduct, 48601 Denton Rd.
0833 – property damage accident, 16350 Haggerty
0835 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1054 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1344 – property damage accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
1426 – assault & battery, 45297 Greenbriar
1543 – malicious destruction of property, 6511 Parkside Dr.
1721 – disturbance, 10958 Oak Lane
1907 – fraud, Meijer
1939 – water leak found, 7414 Lacy Dr.
2028 – property damage accident, 10915 Belleville
2128 – suicide or attempt, 13440 Martinsville Rd.

Monday, Feb. 4:

0025 – felony assault, 12692 Hannan Rd.
0045 – larceny, 48410 Denton Rd.
0139 – malicious destruction of property, 9312 Parkwood
0156 – intimidation threat, 48781 S. I-94 Service
0303 – assault & battery, 48920 Denton Rd.

0448 – assault & battery, 46425 Tyler Rd.
0911 – private property accident, Crossroads complex
0927 – property damage accident, 6225 Western
1045 – disturbance, 42020 Van Born
1115 – shots fired, 6084 Gilmore St.
1132 – fraud, 51184 Freedom Way
1328 – property damage accident, 45465 Greenbriar Dr.
1430 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1504 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1747 – larceny, 49241 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1750 – fraud, Walmart
1942 – assist fire dept., 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1948 – juvenile complaint, Station 2
2150 – property damage accident, Lohr/Bemis
Tuesday, Feb. 5:
0957 – suspicious person, 49946 W. Huron River
1032 – harassment call, 48770 Bemis Rd.
1041 – malicious destruction of property, 6500 Western St.
1150 – breaking & entering, 10501 Haggerty Rd.
1342 – harassment call, 8964 W. Walden Dr.
1341 – property damage accident, SMW Manufacturing
1441 – fight, N I-94/Rawsonville
1449 – fraud, 520 Sumpter Rd.
1452 – assault & battery, 47097 McBride Ave.
1651 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Morton Taylor
1725 – sexual assault, 48761 S. I-94 Service Dr.

1823 – malicious destruction of property, 8717 Hardwood Dr.
2121 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 6:
0117 – agency assist, 400 N. Liberty St.
0254 – intimidation threat, 45501 N. I-94 Service
0336 – assault & battery, 6528 Outer Dr.
0739 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 329 Holly Lane
0810 – assault & battery, 48870 Denton Rd.
1059 – fraud, 27 Ash Dr.
1252 – private property accident, 41360 Ecorse
1301 – private property accident, Kmart
1326 – intimidation threat, Walmart
1602 – private property accident, Walmart
1657 – water leak found, 42955 S. Sadie Ln.
1706 – malicious destruction of property, 6073 Rawsonville
1724 – felony assault, 9205 Parkwood Dr.
1745 – property damage accident, I-275 exit ramp to Ecorse
1824 – larceny, 47242 Harbour Pointe Ct.
2040 – assault & battery, 332 Holly
2041 – mental, 10667 Oak Lane
2229 – retail fraud, Walmart
Thursday, Feb. 7:
0131 – fraud, Walmart
0805 – property damage accident, EB I-94/Quirk
1117 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/Van Born
1136 – fraud, 48051 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1141 – breaking & entering, 11199 Oak Lane
1500 – panic alarm, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1559 – malicious destruction of property, 48641 S.

I-94 Service Dr.
1706 – harassment call, 58 Chaney Ave.
1716 – harassment call, 47097 McBride
1829 – fraud, 42473 N. Cumberland Dr.
1916 – disturbance, 45501 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1941 – assault & battery, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2109 – noise complaint, 9985 Jackson Ln.
2136 – suspicious situation, BHS
2202 – suspicious situation, 45525 N. I-94 Service
2202 – disorderly conduct, 9161 Parkwood Dr.
2218 – child abuse, 46151 Village Green Ln.
Friday, Feb. 8:
0508 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0707 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
1146 – property damage accident, 17090 Sumpter
1226 – property damage accident, 41529 McBride
1253 – property damage accident, Hull/Bak
1507 – fight, 11875 Quirk Rd., Girlstown
1541 – fraud, 9828 Hamilton St.
1609 – fraud, 47079 Denton Rd.
1640 – fight, 41600 N. Belleridge Dr.
1706 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1759 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1815 – assault & battery, 46141 Village Green Ln.
1857 – private property accident, 41529 McBride
Saturday, Feb. 9:
0426 – fraud, Walmart
0709 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville
0728 – property damage accident, 14384 Elwell Rd.
0854 – larceny, 48171 Bayshore Dr.
1143 – malicious destruction of property, 11275 Oak Lane
1333 – juvenile complaint, 10667 Oak Lane
1502 – fire investigation, 14081 Lenmoore Ave.
1506 – fire investigation, 14081 Lenmoore Ave.
1517 – larceny, Walmart
1551 – mental, 9115 E. Walden Dr.
1840 – agency assist, 378 E. Huron River Dr.
1912 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2021 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2054 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2054 – private property accident, 2459 Rawsonville Rd.
2121 – private property accident, 6280 Rawsonville Rd.
2303 – disturbance, 9237 Parkwood Dr.
2322 – suspicious person, 16898 Haggerty Rd.
2340 – intrusion alarm, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Moose Lodge
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• **Friday, Feb. 15** – Friends Family Theater Free Friday Movie at 7 p.m., with Bounce House at 6:45 p.m. Fun, food, films, FREE. In Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Rd. (at Bemis) in Ypsilanti. Featuring “Hurleyville 4: SABBATH”, 2012, 40 minutes, and “As I Stand,” 2012, 116 minutes. Movie questions, (734) 482-5074 or www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Sunday, Feb. 17** – Pug-N-Play at 2 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, north of I-94 N. Service Dr. Bring your pugs for socializing, refreshments, fun.

• **Sunday, Feb. 17** – Bowling fund raiser runs 4-7 p.m. at Lodge Lanes on the S. I-94 Service Drive to earn funds for P&P Competitive Dance Association. Donation is \$20 per bowler, which covers one pizza per lane, one pitcher of pop per lane, three games and shoes. Information: 313-820-9454

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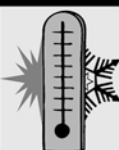
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